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The conference on the Hawaiian government bill have agreed to that feature of the bill requiring that the governor, judges, etc., shall be citizens of Hawaii.

Gov. Roosevelt, on the 19th, signed the bill to secure equal rights to colored children in the public schools, and abolishing separate school in the state of New York.

The Iowa presbytery of the Presbyterian church adopted a resolution, on the 20th, overturning the general assembly to take up anew the subject of revising the Confession of Faith.

The American Fruit and Produce Travelers' association, concluded a two days' session at Wilmington, N. C., on the 22d. The next place of meeting was left to the executive committee.

Gen. Wheeler has sent his resignation as a member of congress from Alabama to Speaker Henderson. Gen. Wheeler is to receive an appointment as brigadier general in the regular army.

The commissioner of internal revenue holds that brewers, under the law, are required to pay special tax as malt liquor dealers for each and every place at which they are engaged in selling bottled beer.

The London Daily Chronicle, commenting upon the Turko-American tension, says: "Many worse things might happen for the world than an object lesson taught by American warships in Turkish waters."

The Foraker resolution providing for the administration of civil affairs in Puerto Rico pending the appointment of permanent officials under the recently passed Puerto Rico law, was passed by the senate on the 19th.

A dispatch from Constantinople, on the 22d, said: "The porte has replied to the American demands, stating that Turkey will compensate American missionaries under the same conditions as in the case of other foreign subjects."

An imperial decree was promulgated in Constantinople, on the 23d, authorizing the rebuilding of the property of the American missionaries at Kharpot and the construction of an annex to the Roberts college at Constantinople.

Information has reached Washington to the effect that the Japanese government itself, and without waiting a request from the United States, is about to take steps to restrict the emigration of Japanese coolies to the United States.

Rev. Dr. Talmage, on leaving the church at Manchester, England, on the 22d, where he had preached, was called upon by an immense throng who had been unable to enter the building, and was urged to speak again. He complied, preaching in the open air.

A dispatch from Manila, on the 22d, said: "Last week was one of the bloodiest of the war since the first day's fighting around Manila. Authentic reports, mostly official, show a total of 378 Filipinos killed, 12 officers and 244 men captured, and many more wounded."

The king of Sweden and Norway has decided to reward certain persons who have found various objects belonging to the Andre polar balloon expedition, and a certain amount of money has been set aside for rewards to persons who hereafter may find similar objects from the expedition.

Gen. Gomez arrived at Santo Domingo, from Cuba, on the 20th, and met with a brilliant official and public reception. He landed under a salute fired from the fort; was met by committees at the landing place; the streets were decorated in his honor, and he was serenaded in the evening.

Advices from Colombia say that Bocas del Toro, Panama, is in possession of the rebels. On the 20th the government chartered a British steamer at Colon to take the troops to Bocas del Toro, where an important battle is expected. With Bocas del Toro in the hands of the rebels Colon is practically threatened.

The German government sees no reason why the Boer peace delegation should go to Berlin, since no good could be gained from such a visit. Germany being unable to render the slightest service, either in friendly offices to both sides, or in intermediation, so long as Great Britain remains determined to reject both.

Queen Victoria, after visiting the Zoological gardens in Dublin, on the 20th, where she seemed much interested, paid a visit in the afternoon, with the princess, to the convent of St. Mary of Loretto, where she was presented with a bouquet in the shape of an Irish harp. The return to the viceregal lodge was made amid many scenes of enthusiasm.

Speaker Henderson was the recipient, on the 19th, of a unique gavel from Admiral Hichborn, chief of the bureau of construction of the navy department. It is made from a rib of the cruiser Olympia, the flagship of Admiral Dewey, and is unlike most gavels in being a solid piece of wood, without handle, but with a groove in the middle for the speaker's grasp.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Compiled from Various Sources.

FIFTY-SIXTH CONGRESS.

In the senate, on the 18th, almost the entire session was devoted to consideration of the Alaskan civil code bill. Mr. Stewart (Nev.) delivering a three-hour speech on the mining laws of the United States and their relation to the proposed amendment of Mr. Hansbrough as to the rights of alien locators of claims. Other senators vigorously denounced the pending amendment. In the house, the debate on the naval appropriation bill, under the five-minute rule, occupied almost the entire session, and afforded occasion for a sharp tilt between Messrs. Grosvenor (O.) and Williams (Miss.). Some progress was made with the bill, most of the controversial points went over.

In the senate, on the 19th, a joint resolution was passed providing for the administration of civil affairs in Puerto Rico pending the appointment of officers under the Puerto Rican government law. The Alaskan civil code bill was again under consideration. The debate continuing on the Hansbrough amendment. In the house practically the whole day was spent in debating a proposition in the naval bill designed to turn over to the navy the survey and charting of the waters of Cuba, Puerto Rico and the Philippines, which was finally defeated, and an amendment appropriating \$10,000 for these surveys by the coast and geodetic survey was passed.

In the senate, on the 20th, the conference report on the Hawaiian civil government bill occupied most of the session. The report was subjected to sharp criticism and final action was not reached. The Alaskan civil code bill was considered briefly. Senator Foraker pronounced an eulogy on the late Lorenzo Danford, a representative from Ohio, and the senate adopted appropriate resolutions. In the house two amendments to modify the provision of the naval appropriation bill for the increase of the navy, one proposing to add six gunboats and the other to strike out the provision for the battle ships, were defeated. A protracted struggle over the armor plate provision resulted in striking out the words "at a cost not to exceed \$250,000, including royalties."

In the senate, on the 21st, the conference report on the Hawaiian civil government bill was disagreed to and a new conference requested. Several resolutions asking information from the executive branch of the government, among them one calling upon the secretary of war for detailed information respecting the amounts expended for quarters, decorating quarters and equipments intended for army officers in Cuba and Puerto Rico, were adopted without division. In the house the naval appropriation bill, after a brief debate, was passed. As finally adopted the measure provides for two battleships, three armored cruisers and three protected cruisers. The \$45 figure on armor plate was stricken out, and \$100,000 was added to the bill. The house devoted itself to eulogies on the late Representative Settle, of Kentucky.

In the senate, on the 22d, the final two days' debate on the right of Hon. M. S. Quay to a seat as senator from Pennsylvania was begun. Messrs. Chandler (N. H.), enemy (Del.) and DeRose (Pa.), speaking in support of Mr. Quay's claim, and Messrs. Platt (Conn.) and Charles (Wis.) delivering speeches in opposition to Mr. Quay. In the house consideration of the post office appropriation bill was entered upon, and the general debate closed with the afternoon adjournment. The main subjects of contention were the provisions in the bill relating to the extension of the pneumatic tube service, special fast mail facilities and the cost of railroad transportation.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

The Chicago police say they have 15 cases against C. O. Charleston, under arrest on the charge of getting small sums of money from various persons on worthless checks. Charleston is said to be a former justice of the peace and once a member of the Nebraska legislature.

Matt Parrott, of Waterloo, Ia., a prominent journalist, died at Battle Creek, Mich., on the 22d.

Dispatches from the seat of war in South Africa, up to the morning of the 23d, indicated that a battle was imminent, if not already in progress, in the vicinity of Wepener, when the Boers had gathered in force. A strong force, under Gen. Rundle, was in touch with the Boers, and Gen. Brabant was moving up from Aliwell North.

Hon. John H. Reagan, of Texas, purchases the story recently published in connection with the death of Gen. Herndon, of Wisconsin, claiming that he was the captor of Jefferson Davis. Mr. Reagan places the credit where it has always heretofore rested—with the Fourth Michigan cavalry, under command of Lieut.-Col. Pritchard.

It is said that President McKinley recently expressed himself in favor of the selection of young men—not over 40—for places of responsibility in Porto Rico and the Philippines, reasoning that elderly men would not be able so easily to adapt themselves to the new conditions and would not be able to give long service after they had acquired experience.

Comte de Coulouze Lautrec was arrested at the Auditorium hotel, Chicago, on the 22d, on a charge of forgery. It is charged that the count visited Quebec, Can., two weeks ago and forged papers to secure money. The amount of the alleged forgery is not given, but it is said to be large.

President John B. G. Pitkin, of New Orleans; ex-Gov. L. B. Prince, of New Mexico; Hon. T. M. Patterson, of Denver; ex-Gov. Kellogg, of Minnesota; Hon. Walter Gresham, of Cleveland; and Hon. F. P. Holland, of Dallas, Tex., will represent the Transmississippi congress in advocacy of a prompt congressional appropriation for the Louisiana Purchase celebration at St. Louis.

The so-called ambulance corps organized in Europe, in addition to the Irish Americans from Chicago, are laying aside their Red Cross badges and openly taking up arms for the Boers.

But for an accidental discovery of his dead wife's photograph in his fiancée's album, Adam Cordiff, a middle-aged farmhand, living within three miles of Hopedale, O., would have married his own daughter, at Charleston, W. Va., whom he had never seen, and whom he found through a matrimonial advertisement.

Fire destroyed Pierce's livery barn at Devil's Lake, N. D., with two valuable horses, and spreading, burned 17 buildings, including the town hotel. Twenty families are rendered homeless. The losses aggregate about \$50,000.

By direction of the president the military post near the city of Bismarck, N. D., will hereafter be known as Fort Lincoln.

Henry H. Yard, who was indicted, tried and acquitted of aiding and abetting, with other officers, the wrecking of the Keystone national bank of Philadelphia, was discharged in bankruptcy at Trenton, N. J., on the 23d. Yard's liabilities were \$926,500.21, of which the unsecured claims amounted to \$648,088.44, and secured claims to \$278,411. His assets were \$53,126.

Prince and Princess Henry of Prussia arrived at Cronberg, Hesse-Nassau, on the 23d, on a visit to Dowager Empress Frederick.

The Turkish torpedo boat Scamyl blew up in the harbor of Beyrouth, Syria, on the 23d, causing a loss of 23 lives.

The reigning prince of Schwarzburg-Sondershausen broke a leg, on the 23d, while grouse stalking.

Plague-infected rats have been found at the Brisbane, Auckland and Melbourne wharves.

George Douglas Campbell, duke of Argyll, died in London on the 23d.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

In the senate, on the 24th, the debate on the Quay case was continued and concluded, and at four o'clock the vote on the motion of Mr. Chandler to strike out of the resolution declaring Mr. Quay not to be entitled to a seat the word "not," was defeated by a vote of: Ayes, 32; nays, 33; thus ending the hard-fought battle of the appointment of the governor of Pennsylvania adversely to Mr. Quay. In the house the Foraker resolution continuing the present officials in Puerto Rico until the appropriation acts are amended by the committee on insular affairs was adopted. Consideration of the post office appropriation bill was continued.

United States Immigrant Agent Healey, at Seattle, Wash., gives an interview on the Japanese tidal wave, in which he says the rush will cause a labor upheaval. Five thousand are on the high seas and 25,000 are to come, he says. They will mostly land in British Columbia, and sneak over the line into the United States.

The supreme court, on the 24th, issued its mandate in the case of Capt. Oberlin M. Carter. The writ is directed to the circuit court for the southern New York district, and unless Capt. Carter's counsel can find some other means to delay, the result will be his early departure for the prison at Leavenworth, Kas.

"Bajal," the man-killing elephant owned by a Kansas City (Mo.) circus, died at the winter quarters near Argentina, Kas., on the 24th, of brain fever. Bajal was one of the biggest elephants ever brought to this country. He was 35 years old, and during his career is charged with having killed nine men.

Geo. B. Webster, a contractor, in charge of a large force of negroes filling in the big Missouri Pacific trestle in the Plin Hills, near Eldorado, Kas., had a dispute with one of the men, on the 24th, over wages, when the man struck him on the head with a pick, killing him.

The senate committee on military affairs, on the 24th, decided, by a majority of one, to report adversely the bill to provide for the employment of women nurses in military hospitals.

Hon. Matthew S. Quay was refused a seat in the United States senate on the appointment of the governor of Pennsylvania, on the 24th, by a vote of 33 to 32.

CURRENT NEWS NOTES.

Christian Mathias died at Mascoutah, Ill., aged 81.

A two-year-old child at Moweaqua, Ill., fell into a boiler of soapsuds and was drowned.

L. C. Dupree, of San Angelo, Tex., is buying horses for the British cavalry in South Africa.

An explosion of dust in a coal mine at Big Stone Gap, Ky., resulted in fatal injuries to three miners.

Commander G. F. Ide has been detached from the Yosemite and ordered to the command of the New Orleans.

Between now and the beginning of August there will be appointed 3,000 additional clerks in the census office.

The Louisiana official election returns show large democratic gains. There will not be a republican in the legislature.

The pure food bills now before congress will be called up for consideration, but are not expected to pass at this session.

Anton Schlemmer, a prominent citizen, was adjudged insane in the county court at Waterloo, Ill., by a commission of physicians.

Maj.-Gen. Prettyman has been appointed military governor of the whole territory which hitherto belonged to the Orange Free State.

An agreement has been concluded between the Russian and Korean governments, Korea pledging herself not to alienate Koje Island.

Irish-Americans in Chicago are continuing the formation and fitting out of alleged ambulance corps for service in the British-Boer war.

Chicago medical students locked up a professor because of imputations on their honesty. They beat three students who defended him.

Gov. Tanner of Illinois will have to undergo a delicate surgical operation for the removal of gall stones. It will be performed within a week.

Former Capt. Dreyfus and his nephew, M. Paul Valabregue, have arrived at Cologne, Germany, where he has taken a villa for the season.

The Boers in Natal are commencing a guerrilla warfare. Both the Transvaalers and the Free Staters are compelling the natives to bear arms.

Queen Victoria has conferred the Victoria cross on Maj. William Babbie, of the army medical corps for exceptional bravery at the battle at Colenso.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Recent Deaths.

Prof. N. L. Maiden, ex-principal of the Cassville high school and ex-county school commissioner of Barry county.

R. L. Lotz, pastor of the Christian church of West Plains.

Alexander W. McKinzie, and old and respected citizen of Poplar Bluff, from pneumonia. He was 68.

Mrs. Harry Clymer, at Steelville.

Maj. T. J. Chew, Jr., millionaire, principal owner and director of the St. Joseph Herald and the St. Joseph Press Printing Co., aged 62 years. He suffered from a stricture of the esophagus so that no food could reach his stomach, and all the substance received for several weeks was by artificial means.

Charles L. Haigh, deputy recorder, at Polaris; interment at Humansville.

Thomas Kingsberry, aged 52, near Sturgeon.

Prof. Charles L. Ashley, late principal of the Golden City high school, and son of Rev. Dr. John Ashley, of Bloomfield, suddenly.

The Middle of the Roaders.

The populist state convention of Kansas City placed the following ticket in the field:

Governor—J. H. Hillis, McFall.

Lieutenant-Governor—Dr. A. Neff, Marshall.

Secretary of State—Bernard Finn, Ava.

Attorney General—Zachary Taylor, Springfield.

Auditor—R. F. Allen, Split Log.

Treasurer—D. C. Fuller, Adrain.

Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner—Casper Miller, Greentop.

Judge of the Supreme Court—John M. Voris, Chillicothe.

Judge of the St. Louis Court of Appeals—C. J. Anderson, St. Louis.

Judge of the Kansas City Court of Appeals—McClanahan, Independence.

A County Sued.

Suit has been filed in the circuit court of Newton county by parties holding warrants against the county to the amount of about \$50,000. For a number of years the county court overruled the revenue, until the county fell behind about \$150,000. When judgment is rendered the county court, under new law, will issue bonds for payment. A number of other counties in the state are in the same condition.

A Long Chase.

Marshal Samuel Chiles arrived in Kansas City the other night from San Francisco, having in charge James Redmond, alias Seville, who is charged with the murder of Miss Emma Schumacher, in Kansas City, on the night of December 8, 1897. Redmond was arrested at Manila, Philippine islands, about two months ago.

Overcrowded Jails.

The strict quarantine rule at the penitentiary has caused jails in small infected districts to become overcrowded with prisoners, who have been convicted and sentenced to terms in the penitentiary.

Found Dead in Bed.

Ferdinand Schler, a leading hardware dealer of Jefferson City, was found dead in bed. He had been confined to his home with rheumatism, but no dangerous results were anticipated.

Played Highwayman.

Arthur Prince, a negro, 14 years old, was shot and instantly killed by Isaac Stinord, a companion, while they were playing "highwayman" in the rear of the latter's home, in St. Louis.

Death of an Unknown.

A woman who gave her name as Mary Palmer died at a hotel in Rich Hill. She told no one her history. She was about 22, 5 feet 4, and a blonde. Citizens gave decent burial.

Heavy Death Rate.

During the week ended April 21 there were 70 deaths in St. Louis from pneumonia and 29 from consumption. There were 270 deaths during the week and 183 births.

Grain Men on the Warpath.

The grain men of Kansas City have decided to appeal to the courts for relief from unjust rate discrimination by the railroads. A test case will be brought.

To Jail in Default of Bail.

Enis Hainline, of Lamotte, was placed in jail at Sedalia, in default of \$500 bonds, to answer the charge of having attempted to murder his aged parents.

Missouri Horticultural Society. I. A. Goodman, of Westboro, secretary of the Missouri Horticultural society, has called the summer meeting at Chillicothe June 5, 6 and 7.

Municipal Ownership.

By a vote of 1,172 to 450 St. Charles decided to incur an indebtedness of \$115,000 for the purpose of acquiring a municipal waterworks plant.

To Tax Franchisees.

The council of Kansas City is endeavoring to tax franchisees. The city needs more revenue, so say the men who are running the town.

Mutual Insurance Company Quits. The Missouri Town Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of Nevada has assigned, naming United States Commissioner Douglas Wight as assignee.

Gov. Stephens' Health.

Gov. Stephens is in poor health, and has been under the doctor's care for several weeks. His condition is not regarded as dangerous.

A Handsome Gift.

Missouri university has received \$5,000 from Adolphus Busch, of St. Louis, for an operating room in the Parker memorial hospital.

ON THE WAR CHESS BOARD.

An Interesting, Though Complicated, Situation in the Orange Free State.

IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS MUST ENSUE

The General Trend of the Movements Appears to be the Enveloping of the Boer Force and the Bringing About of Another Paardeberg.

London, April 25, 5 a. m.—The reports that the siege of Wepener has been practically raised were apparently premature. The Boer attack upon Col. Delgey's northern position, as described from Maseru, was probably a final attempt to rush the garrison before securing a safe retreat, and, an Col. Delgey successfully repulsed the attack little further anxiety is felt on his account.

Lord Roberts has now spread a net with some 40,000 or more men and 150 guns, covering the whole western semicircle around Wepener, while Gen. Hamilton has occupied the waterworks, practically without opposition. The Seventh division, under Gen. Tucker, assisted by naval guns, has made a demonstration from Karee Siding, the Boers showing some opposition. At the same time a brigade moved out from Glen to take up a position on a range of hills at Cennadenale, north of the Modder. The waterworks were found undamaged, with the exception of the removal of the sliding valves of the pumping engines.

The Boers now can only escape, without risking an encounter, northward to Ladybrand, and the chance of a successful outcome of the plans of Lord Roberts depends on whether the British troops can reach Thaba N'Chu and Ladybrand before the retreating commandoes from De Wet's drop and Wepener.

All the correspondents report that the roads are in a terrible condition, which accounts for the slow progress of the British columns, and if the Boers are as well informed of the British plans as they hitherto have been, they are likely again to escape. It is now within three weeks of the date predicted for the British occupation of Pretoria, and although the present operations, as suggested in some quarters, may be the beginning of the main advance, it is not certain that they will not entail a further halt at Bloemfontein.

REPORT FROM LORD ROBERTS.

Everything Apparently Moving to Little Commander's Satisfaction.

London, April 24, 11:15 p. m.—The war office issues the following from Lord Roberts:

"Bloemfontein, April 24.

"Generals Brabant and Hart yesterday turned the position occupied by the enemy, who tried to prevent their moving northward, and got into communication with Col. Delgey, commandant of the besieged garrison at Wepener, who reported all well.

Gen. Brabant has three wounded, one missing. Three were wounded on the previous day. The border regiment had seven wounded.

At 11 p. m. yesterday Brabant and Hart were eight miles south of Wepener.

The Eleventh division, under Gen. Pole-Carew, and Gen. French's two brigades of cavalry reached Tweeds Nek yesterday afternoon without having met serious opposition.

Heliograph communication has been established with Gen. Rundle. A patrol of the Seventh dragoons, under Lieut. Jenkins, which was reported missing yesterday, has rejoined Gen. French's camp with the exception of Corporal Taylor and Private Cook, who are believed to be wounded and prisoners.

Mounted infantry, yesterday, under Gen. Ian Hamilton, occupied the waterworks at Sannas Post. As the enemy are holding the neighboring hills in some strength, the Ninth division, consisting of Gen. Smith Dorrien's and Gen. MacDonald's brigade, has been dispatched to support Hamilton.

Gen. Maxwell's brigade, formerly Gen. Chermishe's official Seventh division, yesterday moved eastward, and seized the hills covering the wagon bridge over the Modder river at Krantz'kraal, an important communication, much used by the Boers during the last three weeks. Our only casualty was Private Brun, New South Wales mounted rifles, taken prisoner.

Depression at Mafeking.

London, April 25.—The Mafeking correspondent of the Times, telegraphing Monday, April 9, gives a gloomy account of the depression due to the probability of the siege lasting until the end of May, and says: "It is hard to accept Col. Bader-Powell's efforts to cheer the people by optimistic predictions, in the absence of any sign of release."

Lord Roberts Has Begun the Second Act in His Campaign.

London, April 25.—Spencer Wilkinson, in the Morning Post, says:

"Lord Roberts, with a commendable concealment of his intentions, has begun the second act in his campaign. He has suddenly deployed his army on the long front from Karee Siding to Wepener, a distance of about seventy miles. Without doubt Winston Churchill's reference to Gen. Rundle means that this commander is endeavoring to amuse the Boers until Gen. French shall be able to shut off their retreat northward."

THE WAR IN THE PHILIPPINES.

The Military Situation Summarized by the War Department—The Outlook Generally Good.

Washington, April 25.—The military situation in the Philippines, as shown by the latest advices received at the war department, is summarized in the following statement, which was made public Tuesday at the department:

The Situation Summarized.

"On the first of January, 1900, the insurrection in the part of Luzon, P. I., embracing the Province of Manila and the provinces to the north of it had collapsed to the extent that organized resistance to American control had virtually ceased. A different state of affairs existed in Cavite, Batangas, Laguna and Tayabas, the provinces lying immediately south of Manila. In this territory, the richest and most populous of the island, the birthplace of Aguinaldo and of the rebellion, the insurgent troops were still intact, had, in fact, been strengthened by accessions from the north, and as regards equipment, discipline and cohesion, were equal, if not superior to any that had been raised in support of the insurgent cause.

Committed to Good Hands.

"Gen. Otis committed the task of the destruction or dispersion of the forces within this district to two expeditionary brigades, commanded respectively by Brigadier-Generals Wheaton and Schwan.

Route by Gen. Wheaton's Force.

"In and about the two towns of Bacoor and Ibaan, in northern Cavite, there were and long had been insurgent bodies of considerable size, some of which had actually besieged our garrisons in those towns. These insurgent bodies Gen. Wheaton's command attacked and completely routed on January 7 last.

Part Taken by Schwan's Brigade.

"Further disintegration of the remnants of this force—giving it, so to speak, the coup de grace; of suppressing the insurgent troops in the remainder of the four provinces, and of restoring, if practicable, peace and order therein, fell to the lot of Gen. Schwan's brigade. In the course of its campaign his troops covered 650 miles, fought 33 combats and established permanent garrisons in 21 towns within this district.

Work Practically Finished.

"It set out on January 4, and its work was practically finished on February 8. Not that all hostilities had then ceased. On the contrary, our troops have had and still have frequent conflicts with the robber bands that were formed of the disintegrated insurgent military organizations, and who emerge periodically from their hiding places in mountains and thickets to pounce upon inadequately guarded wagon trains and small parties.

Reduced to Mere Bands.

"But concert of action or co-operation, save on a very limited scale, was ended on the latter date, the control exercised by the insurgent leaders, except over their small immediate following, was minimized and their power for mischief materially reduced, if not wholly broken.

Principal Places Garrisoned.

"In the principal towns or centers of trade and municipal government, military forces, generally battalions, have been placed. These forces operate, within their several spheres, under their majors, for the most part energetic young officers holding lesser rank in the regulars, and, whenever necessary, co-operate under their colonels, for the battalions of a regiment are grouped in neighboring places.

The Outlook is Favorable.

"On the whole the outlook for the pacification of this district and other parts of Luzon is favorable. In their conflicts with our troops the ladrones are universally worsted."

THE LATEST BATTLE FOUGHT.

Gen. Otis Reports Details of the Latest Engagement.

Washington, April 25.—Gen. Otis has cabled the following account of recent engagements in the Philippines:

"Manila, April 24.

"Early on the morning of the seventeenth, several hundred Tagalos and Vizayans attacked a battalion of the Fortieth infantry at Cagayan, on the north coast of Mindanao. Our casualties were two killed and 11 wounded. The enemy's loss was 55 killed, 18 wounded and captured in city, besides other losses suffered on retreat.

"Gen. Young reports from northwestern Luzon, several hundred natives, influenced by Aguinaldo's bishop, Aglipa, attacked his troops at several points and in turn had been attacked. Their loss in the attack on Patoc, on the fifteenth inst, was 105 killed; and during entire fighting from the 15th to the 17th, 333 killed. Our loss during the same period was two killed and four wounded.

Young has plenty of troops, and will have little further opposition. Affairs at other Luzon points are improving. Local presidents and inhabitants of towns giving information